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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: M. Nghiem
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	:	Group Art Unit: 2863
Appln. No.: 09/699,387	)	
	:	Allowed: April 16, 2004
Filed: October 31, 2000	)	
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For: INK JET APPARATUS AND WASTE	)	
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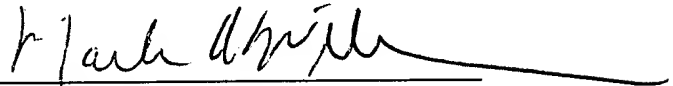
LETTER SUBMITTING COMMENTS ON  
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached to the Notice of Allowability mailed April 16, 2004, the Examiner listed reasons for the allowance of the claims. However, the features noted by the Examiner do not accurately reflect what is recited in each of the independent claims. For example, Claim 13 does not recite first and second introducing means and their corresponding functions. Nevertheless, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claims is allowable for its combination of claimed features.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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